

Practical Computer Networks and Applications

Exercise 1 – IP Version 4 Networks

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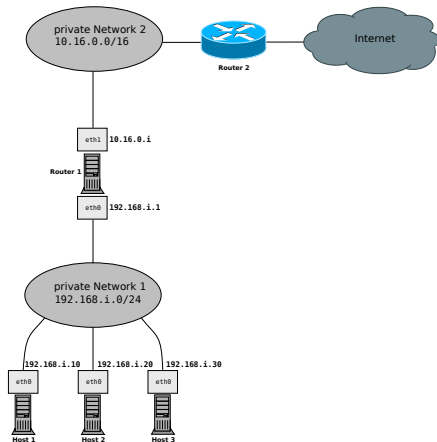
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Private Network 1:

192.168.1.0/24

Private Network for host machines and router

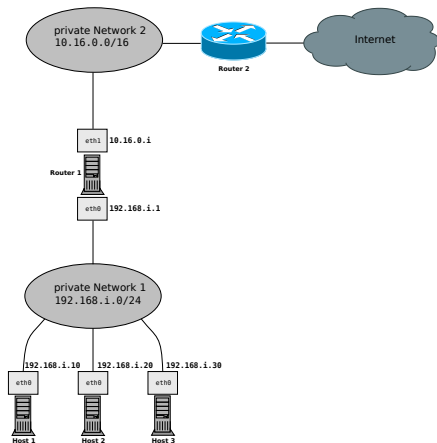
Private Network 2:

10.16.0.0/16

Private Network spanning all networks

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Network Topology – Private Network 2



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Private Network 2:

10.16.0.0/16

Router 2:

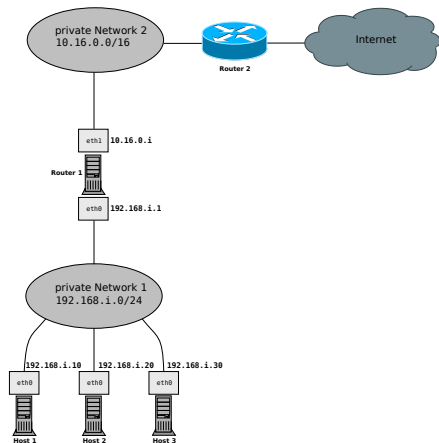
Address – 10.16.0.200

Router 2 is the gateway for all routers in private network 1!

The route to **Router 2** needs to be configured on **Router 1**!

Is running a web server on **port 80**!

Network Topology – Private Network 1



Private Network 1:

192.168.i.0/24

Router 1:

1. Interface `eth0` – 192.168.i.1
2. Interface `eth1` – 10.16.0.i

Host Network:

Router 1 – 192.168.i.1

Host 1 – 192.168.i.10

Host 2 – 192.168.i.20

Host 3 – 192.168.i.30

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Network Topology – Exercise 1 – Objectives

In the lab exercise you need to accomplish. . .

- a successful static configuration of the machines!

- working static routing on the machines!

- reachability of all machines (all hosts including **Router 1** and **2**)!

- captures of various protocols using Wireshark!

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Network Interface Names in Linux

The network interfaces in Linux can be configured with the tool `ip`

In the literature and the internet you often find the interface names `eth0`, `eth1`, ..., `ethX`!

In practice the device names differ and often the naming schemes `enp1sXfX` or `enoX` can be seen!¹

¹This is a good source of information: <https://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/systemd/PredictableNetworkInterfaceNames/>

Name Resolution in Linux

The name resolution is configured in the file
`/etc/resolv.conf`!

The entry of that file is used to resolve domain names into IP addresses!²

The format of the entries is `nameserver <IP ADDRESS>`!

The most commonly known entry is `8.8.8.8` and refers to a Google name server!

²More detailed information on the name resolution in the lecture slides!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (1/4)

The `ip` command from the `iproute2` package is a very powerful tool and replaces the deprecated `ifconfig` tool!

Its primary use cases are:

- statistics of the network links

- network configuration tasks (address assignment, ARP cache inspection, routing tables, etc.)

- configuration of static routes

Importance of the `ip` command

Please get familiar with the `ip` command and its options, since it plays a pivotal role in the configuration of the machines for lab exercise 1!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (2/4)

The `ip`³ command:

`ip link ...` – configuration of interfaces

`ip addr ...` – configuration of addresses

`ip route ...` – configuration of routes

³The manpage of `ip` gives you the full list of functions and options!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (3/4)

The `ping`⁴ command is used to send ICMP packets to a host machine in the network! Its primary use cases are:

- gathering statistics on the network
- testing the reachability of a host and the network link
- first step in debugging of network errors

⁴The manpage of `ping` gives you the full list of functions and options!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (4/4)

`traceroute` – tracks the route of packets to the destination

`curl` – a tool to transfer data over multiple protocols (HTTP, FTP, etc.)

`ss` (`socket statistics`) – generates statistics on transport layer protocols

`nc` (`netcat`) – listens and analyzes transport layer protocols

`nmap` – a tool for network analysis and port scanning

`dig` – displays the domain name lookups and the available name servers

IP forwarding in Linux routers

In order to enable routing in Linux ip forwarding needs to be activated!

This can be done by setting the Kernel parameter:

```
net.ipv4.ip_forward=1
```

alternatively

```
/proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward
```

Setting Kernel parameters

The options presented above can be set by using `sysctl -w` followed by the parameter to set (here `net.ipv4.ip_forward=1`). Alternatively the parameter can be set by using `cat` and writing the value 1 to the file `/proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward`!

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Wireshark

Wireshark is an open-source tool for network analysis

Wireshark features the following functions:

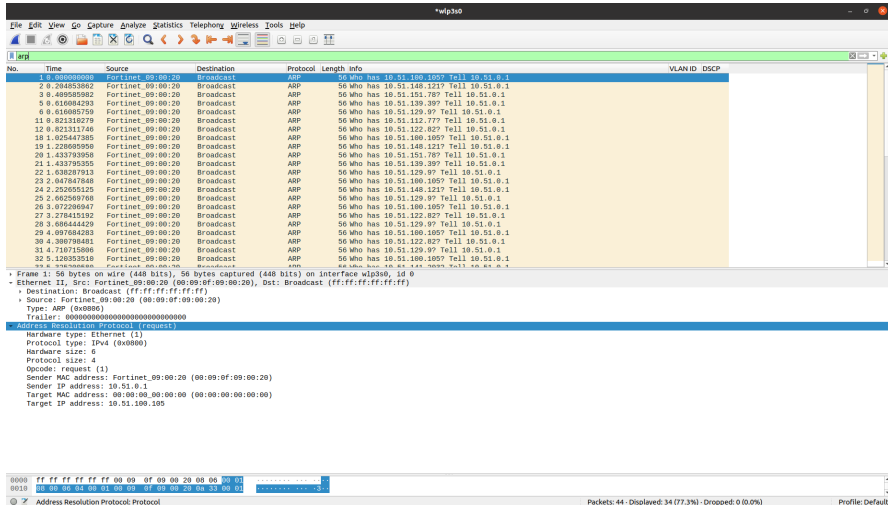
- Graphical user interface

- Collection of transmitted data

- Detailed view of each packet and protocol

- Enables a detailed analysis of network traffic

Wireshark



The screenshot shows the Wireshark Desktop application window. The title bar indicates the capture file is *wlp350. The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains icons for opening files, saving, zooming, and other standard network analysis functions.

The main display area is divided into three panes:

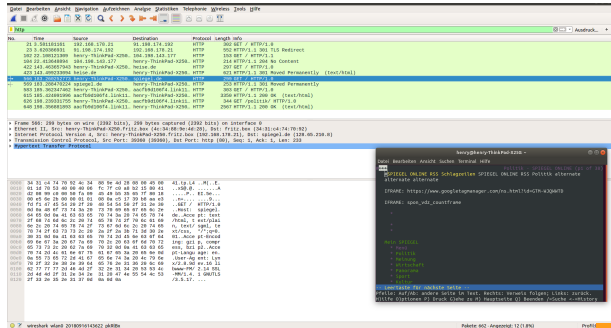
- Packet List Pane:** Shows a list of captured packets. The first packet (No. 1) is an ARP request from 10.51.100.100 to 10.51.0.1. Subsequent packets (2-32) are ARP requests from various Fortinet IP addresses to 10.51.0.1.
- Packet Details Pane:** Displays the details of the selected packet (No. 1). It shows:
 - Ethernet II, Src: Fortinet_09:00:20 (08:09:0f:09:00:20), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 - Destination: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 - Source: Fortinet_09:00:20 (08:09:0f:09:00:20)
 - Type: ARP (0800)
 - Trailer: 00000000000000000000000000000000
 - Address Resolution Protocol (request)
 - Hardware type: Ethernet (1)
 - Protocol type: IPv4 (0x0800)
 - Hardware size: 6
 - Protocol size: 4
 - Opcode: request (1)
 - Sender MAC address: Fortinet_09:00:20 (08:09:0f:09:00:20)
 - Sender IP address: 10.51.0.1
 - Target MAC address: 00:00:00_00:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)
 - Target IP address: 10.51.100.105
- Packet Bytes Pane:** Shows the raw data of the selected packet in hexadecimal and ASCII format.

At the bottom of the window, a status bar displays: Packets: 44 - Displayed: 34 (77.3%) - Dropped: 0 (0.0%) and Profile: Default.

Wireshark Desktop

An Example on Using Wireshark

The picture shows
Wireshark collecting
data for a
HTTP-connection
using `lynx` to access
`www.heise.de`.



Data collected with Wireshark using `lynx`

Configuration of the machines

Please follow these rules:

Make your configurations statically! Use the tool `ip` exclusively!

Save your static configuration on file! Use an USB-Drive for the extraction!

Test your setup and document it accurately! Demonstrate it in the lab exercise!

Make slides of your configurations! Use the command-line snippets, screenshots and Wireshark captures for your documentation!

Non persistent configuration on machines

Please be aware, that the configurations on the machines are static and will be deleted after a reboot! Make sure to save your progress on an external drive!